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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Once the Bell system was broken up in the 1980's , competition dramatically increased, consumers received better services and lower prices. I remember the BAD old days when there was "ONE" telephone company. I hated it then and today I hate AT&T just as much. Tragically, they were allowed to buy back the Baby Bells and begin their march to dismantle competition. My telephone bills under ATT&T were Huge, crippling, and included No broadband service.

When I was finally able to choose service through Sonic, service and cost became better immediately. My telephone service and broadband are less than half the cost I previously paid, customer service is great AND I now have email accounts that respect my privacy. No one at Sonic is data mining my email.

I dumped Yahoo email years ago when they were bought by AT&T. I would NEVER use any service connected to them in the future. I would go without completely.

We used to have DirecTV, but cut the cord when the prices became astronomical. Our TV services are now one-fourth, "1/4", the previous cost. Millions of TV viewers have cut the cord/box, dumping Verizon, Comcast, DirecTV/AT&T, and other high cost providers.

I need my affordable DSL and many, many fiber customers need their now affordable service.

We NEED smaller, local providers of telephone and internet services. Do Not allow the big bullies to take away choice. Keep the big bullies in check.

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